

BT/CT/RAD

Meeting Minutes

10/05/2010

Present: Betsy Szymczak – FERN, Tracey Stiles-QA, Shauna Onofrey – Epi, Julie Nassif –CT (Facilitator), Jennifer Jenner – CT (Recorder), Tanya Swanson, Tom Coulombe – MERL, Sue Koszalka - MERL

Next meeting: Tuesday, 10/19/2010 10:00, Room 133

Bioterrorism Response Laboratory:

- Working on IML to fix glitches
- Wants a copy of CT white powder results to complete data for reports
- SLI numbers must be on reports

Chemical Threat Response Laboratory

- Discussed the mercury release at Plymouth County Jail on 9/21 – received 22 urine samples for analyze for possible mercury exposure. Sample TAT was one day, and all were negative.
- Major mercury spill the next day in Worcester at Grafton elementary school. The lab received 187 samples to be analyzed to possible mercury exposure. Lab worked 24/7 to complete analysis – all samples were negative.
- Discussion on areas of improvement in the sample collection process, as there was confusion collecting, inventorying, identifying samples at the site(s) of collection.

Epidemiology

Nothing to report

FERN

- FERN grant started on Friday

MERL

Massachusetts Environmental Radiation Laboratory

- Has been shut down for ten months and is working on laboratory recertification
- MERL and Rhode Island will be involved in a major exercise in November, the scenario involves a release of radiological material.
- Will be getting a new scintillation counter soon. Discussed the capabilities of the lab